Package' to provide relief to the victims of 1984 riots including ex-gratia for death, injury, and damage to residential and commercial/industrial properties. The concerned State Governments were advised to invite claims from the victims/families of victims of 1984 riots, conduct necessary verification/scrutiny and make disbursement of the amount of ex-gratia. A Statement giving details of claims received from the victims of 1984 riots, claims settled and the amount disbursed by the State Governments, as per information received from them so far, is [Referred to the Statement appended to Unstarred Q.No. 4508]. No deadline has been set for settlement of all the claims. However, the matter is being pursued with the State Governments to ensure payment of ex-gratia to all the genuine claimants as soon as possible.

Jobs for J&K youths in para-military forces

4518. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have offered job to Jammu and Kashmir youths in para-military forces, as a part of reconstruction plan; and

(b) if so, the persons recruited so far under a special recruitment drive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) Under Prime Minister's J&K reconstruction plan, 5000 vacancies (3400 for CRPF and 1600 for SSB) were released to J&K. CRPF and SSB have so far recruited 2793 and 1304 candidates respectively.

Reduction of militancy in some parts of J & K

4519. SHRI DEVDAS APTE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have confirmed that militancy in certain parts of J & K has been significantly reduced;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to withdraw troops from such parts of the State;

(d) if so, what are the basis and reasons for the same; and

(e) what steps Government are taking so that militancy in such parts of Kashmir do not resurge, as well as to restore faith of the people in normal process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, there has been a progressive decline in terrorist related violent incidents over the years as given under:

Trends of violence in J &K

Year	2004	2005	2006	2006 (till Mar. 31)	2007 (till Mar. 31)
No. of Incidents	2565	1990	1667	295	211

(c) to (e) There have been demands and reports from various sources, from time to time, about reduction of the level of security force deployment in Jammu and Kashmir in view of the overall improvement in the security environment. The approach of the Government is to ensure that the deployment of security forces is related to the scale of problems and requirements on the ground. In this context, it has been decided to constitute a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Defence Secretary to examine the overall situation and security forces deployment in the light of the approach of the Government as stated above and to determine whether there is need to relocate and reconfigure the existing security forces deployment.

The Security situation in Jammu and Kashmir is kept under continuous review, and security forces are deployed in different parts of the State for different duties such as border guarding, prevention of infiltration, counter insurgency and area domination, guarding of vital sensitive installations and persons under threat/risk, provision of general security in vulnerable areas, etc. the deployment of the forces depends upon the requirements and is periodically reviewed by the State and the Central Governments.